



Attempt all questions. Assume any missed data.

Full mark is 50. The exam is in 3 pages.

Question No. 1 [20 Marks]

A light ray traveling in the guide must interfere constructively with itself to propagate successfully. Otherwise destructive interference will destroy the wave. E is parallel to x . (λ_1 and k_1 are the wavelength and the propagation constant inside the core medium n_1 i.e. $\lambda_1 = \lambda/n_1$).

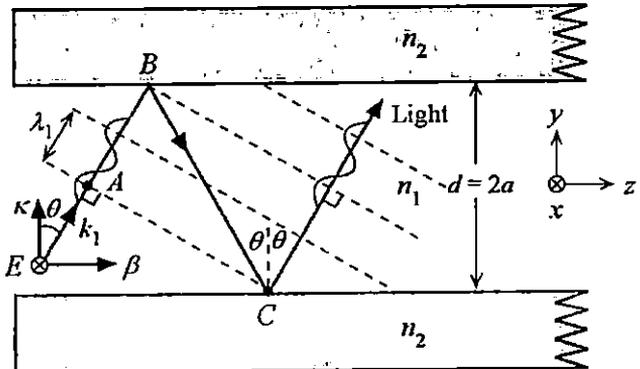


Figure 1

(a) Prove that only certain angles are allowed. Each allowed angle represents a mode of propagation; i.e. **prove the waveguide condition:**

$$\left[\frac{2\pi n_1 (2a)}{\lambda} \right] \cos \theta_m - \phi_m = m\pi$$

(b) Consider the two parallel rays 1 and 2 in Figure 2.

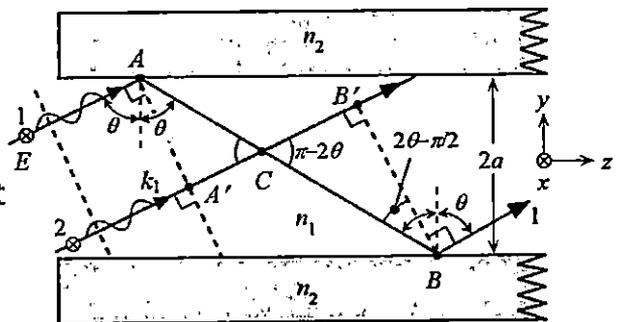


Figure 2

Show that when they meet at point C at a distance y above the guide center, the phase difference is:

$$\phi_m = k_1 2(a - y) \cos \theta_m - \phi_m$$

(c) Using the waveguide condition **show that:**

$$\phi_m = \phi_m(y) = m\pi - \frac{y}{a} (m\pi + \phi_m)$$

(d) The two waves interfering at C can be most simply and conveniently represented as:

$$E(y) = A \cos(\omega t) + A \cos(\omega t + \phi_m(y))$$

Hence find the amplitude of the field variation along y , across the guide. What is your conclusion? Draw the electric field patterns of first three modes of traveling wave along guide.

Question No. 2 [6 Marks]

A particular HeNe laser beam at 633 nm has a spot size of 0.8 mm. Assuming a Gaussian beam, what is the divergence of the beam? What are its Rayleigh range and beam width at 10 m?

Question No. 3 [12 Marks]

(a) A comparison of two step index fibers, one *SMF* and the other *MMF* shows that the *SMF* has a core diameter of $9\ \mu\text{m}$ but a cladding diameter of $125\ \mu\text{m}$, while the *MMF* has a core diameter of $100\ \mu\text{m}$ but a cladding diameter that is the same $125\ \mu\text{m}$. Discuss why the manufacturer has chosen these values.

(b) Compare between Intermodal dispersion, Intramodal dispersion through optical fibers. How to overcome each type of them?

Question No. 4 [12 Marks]

(1) When an unpolarized light is incident on a polarizer, will pass.

- (a) only the component parallel to the Transmission Axis.
- (b) only the component normal to the Transmission Axis.
- (c) all parallel and normal components.
- (d) no electric field.

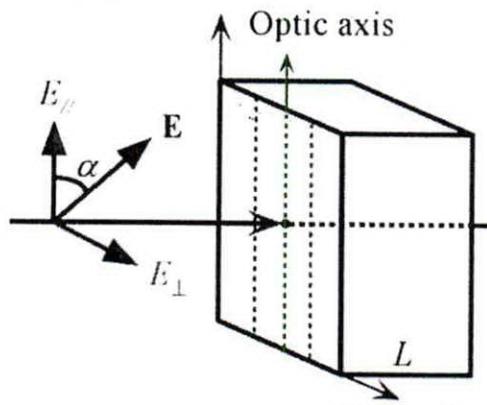


Figure 3

(2) In figure 3, which component will travel faster if the retarder plate is made from a positive crystal?

- (a) E_{\parallel}
- (b) E_{\perp}
- (c) *Both components will travel with the same speed*

(3) In figure 3, which component will travel faster if the retarder plate is made from a negative crystal?

- (a) E_{\parallel}
- (b) E_{\perp}

(c) *Both components will travel with the same speed*

(4) In figure.3, the phase difference between the two components depends on.....

- (a) The crystal length.
- (b) The crystal type.
- (c) The wavelength of incident light.
- (d) All the above.

(5) In figure 3, if $\alpha = 45^\circ$ and the phase difference ($\Delta\phi$) between the two electric field components is $\pi/2$, the polarization of the output field is

- (a) Linear.
- (b) Right circular.
- (c) Left circular.
- (d) Elliptical.

(6) In figure 3, if $\alpha = 55^\circ$ and the phase difference ($\Delta\phi$) between the two electric field components is $\pi/2$, the polarization of the output field is

- (a) Linear.
- (b) Right circular.
- (c) Left circular.
- (d) Elliptical.

(7) If $\alpha = 55^\circ$ and the phase difference ($\Delta\phi$) between the two electric field components is, the polarization of the output field is

- (a) Linear.
- (b) Right circular.
- (c) Left circular.
- (d) Elliptical.

(8) When the incident light on anisotropic crystal is in a direction parallel to its optical axis, the crystal will behave as

- (a) Isotropic crystal.
- (b) Fully anisotropic crystal.
- (c) Transverse anisotropic crystal.

Formula Sheet

Gaussian beam radius; $w(z) = w_0 \left[1 + \left(\frac{z}{z_0} \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Rayleigh range; $z_0 = \frac{\pi w_0^2}{\lambda}$

Divergence angle; $\theta = \frac{\lambda}{\pi w_0}$

V-number; $V = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} (n_1^2 - n_2^2)^{1/2}$